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## Man Pleads No Contest to Scamming Elderly Motorists, Attempting to Bribe Police Officer

A man pleaded no contest today to charges that he scammed elderly motorists by falsely claiming they had been involved in traffic collisions and then demanding money, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

David Stevens, 43, entered his plea to one count each of residential burglary, two counts of theft from an elder and one count of bribing an executive officer in case LA076682. Stevens is scheduled to return to court on April 22 when he is expected to be sentenced to 10 years in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney William Chung of the Elder Abuse Section said Stevens approached elderly drivers and told them they had been in a traffic collision. Stevens then pressured the victims to give money for alleged vehicle damage or personal injuries caused by the accident.

After his arrest Stevens complained about his health and was taken to a hospital for observation. While there Stevens offered to pay off a police officer if the officer would give him time to escape.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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### About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.